



"The City With a Heart"

Larry Franzella, Mayor
Irene O'Connell, Vice Mayor
Ken Ibarra, Councilmember
Rico E. Medina, Councilmember
Jim Ruane, Councilmember

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

June 27, 2008

4:30 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT The San Bruno City Council met in a special session on February 13, 2008 at the San Bruno City Hall, Room 115, 567 El Camino Real, San Bruno, CA. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Presiding was Vice Mayor O'Connell and Councilmembers Ruane, Medina and Ibarra in attendance. Mayor Franzella was excused. **City Manager Jackson** led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 4. DISCUSSION:**

Consider Adoption of a Resolution Increasing Penalty Amounts for Fireworks Violations.

City Manager Jackson talked about the concerns over fire danger in California and the limitations of the City Council to ban fireworks, which are regulated by the voter through an ordinance passed in November of 2005 approving the use of safe and sane fireworks in the City. She said staff is recommending an increase in penalty fines. Additional resources will be provided pre July 4.

City Attorney Thompson said in the event of a local emergency fireworks can be banned; however, an emergency does not exist at this time. She said there would be aggressive enforcement and proposed doubling the current fines.

Councilmember Ruane said safe and sane fireworks should not be sold in San Bruno.

Councilmember Ibarra asked if the Fire Department could give us an idea of mutual aid as a result of fires happening now. He also asked why we are playing around with first, second and third offense?

City Attorney Thompson said they have the authority to do that and how it is addressed within parameters.

City Manager Jackson said there are 53 fire units in San Mateo County, North, Central and South strike team units, which can be deployed, as necessary.

Councilmember Medina asked if something changed within the community? **City Manager Jackson** said she had the authority to declare an emergency if necessary.

Councilmember Ruane asked if a local emergency was declared would safe and sane be prohibited? **City Manager Jackson** concurred.

Councilmember Medina said all vendors needed to be notified.

Vice Mayor O'Connell said vendors should get a copy and violations should be posted on their booths.

Police Chief Telford said one bottle rocket is a \$500 fine. He said his department would be focusing on safe and sane in open space areas.

Councilmember Ibarra introduced the resolution for adoption increasing violations to \$500 for first time and \$1000 for second time offenders with the exception of 650.020(B).

Councilmember Medina asked police and fire to pass out information to the fireworks booths.

Vice Mayor O'Connell asked the information be broadcast on Channel 11.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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There being no further business to transact, the meeting concluded at 5:07 p.m. The next City Council Meeting will be held on July 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Rd., San Bruno, CA.

Respectfully submitted for approval
at the regular City Council Meeting of
July 8, 2008

Carol Bonner, City Clerk

Irene O'Connell, Vice Mayor